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CITY OF BEAVERTON PURSUES LAWSUIT OVER HEATING AND COOLING PAYMENTS

Beaverton, Oregon (May 21, 2009) – The City of Beaverton filed a lawsuit in Washington County Circuit Court yesterday to pursue unpaid heating and cooling bills, plus interest, from The Round Owners Association. Previously, on March 23, the Beaverton City Council had given direction authorizing the City to proceed with litigation in the absence of an agreement.

“This is very disappointing to me” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “I believe that our citizens deserve better. We must get these past issues from The Round resolved as quickly as possible so we can all move on to create the vibrant downtown core that our community needs. Enough is enough.”

The City of Beaverton had originally filed a lawsuit in July 2008, but had withdrawn that suit to negotiate a settlement. The City has negotiated in good faith to reach an agreement and continued to supply services without interruption. Negotiations came to an impasse after an acceptable response was not received by the extended deadline of Wednesday, May 20. The defendant’s response to the lawsuit is due 30 days from the filing date.

The Round Owners Association is a collective membership that directly or indirectly consists of all owners of property, both residential and commercial, in the mixed-use real estate project known as The Round. The City of Beaverton is the exclusive provider of heating and cooling services for buildings in The Round. The City of Beaverton gave notice of non-payment on a number of occasions. As of April 10, 2009, the past due amount, dating back to June 2007, was calculated at more than \$1.7 million for heating and cooling services plus accumulated interest.

About The Round

The Round is a mixed-use development of condominiums, retail stores, offices and a parking garage along the MAX light-rail line west of SW Watson Ave.

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